

IS ISLAM REVIVING?

THE SULTAN'S CRISIS SHOWS 170,000,000 MUSLIMANS IN THE WORLD.

These Are Divided into Sunnis and Shi'ahs, but Recently These Sects Have Been Drawing Closer Together. The Sultans for the Sultan's Authority the Railroad to Mecca Will Increase His Power.

It comes rather like a revelation to find that the Turkish Government, or, perhaps, it might be more correct to say the Sultan, has been engaged in collecting statistics showing the Mohammedan population in various parts of the world. The results have just been published, and in view of the possible object of the undertaking, is of considerable interest. In the dominions under the personal rule of the Sultan the Mohammedans are stated at 18,000,000, while in the contiguous states and territories in Asia, including Persia, Afghanistan, India, China, their numbers are estimated at 162,000,000. Africa, where the Mohammedan religion has made great strides in the last half of the century, is credited with 26,000,000 followers of the Prophet, and 23,000,000 are described as inhabiting other countries and the islands of the Eastern seas. It does not appear that the total of these figures, 176,000,000, is exaggerated, as recent estimates have placed the Mohammedan population of the world at close upon 200,000,000.

The Islamic world, however, is divided religiously into two sections, the vast majority being Sunnis, and the minority, principally in Persia, being Shi'ahs, who hold more or less aloof from the Sunnis, of whom the Sultan of Turkey is the nominal head as Caliph of Islam. The Mohammedan population of India under the political rule of the British Government and in the native states may be set down in round numbers at nearly 60,000,000. By far the greater part of these are Sunnis, as are also the Afghans and the Turcomans. The Chinese Mohammedans, who are mostly found in Kashgaria, Mongolia, Yunnan and Kansu, are very variously estimated, some authorities, basing their calculations on data furnished by Chinese officials for the whole Empire, placing them as high as 20,000,000. These, like all the other followers of Islam belonging to the Sunni section, are in direct communication with Mecca, though having little political affinity with Constantinople. This is due in great part to the jealousy of the Turkish character and the internal troubles of Turkey that called for the concentration of the Sultan's attention on his own home affairs. But recent events have enabled him to look somewhat outside the immediate circle of his own dominions, and among the things which he has done has been to take stock of the forces over which in certain eventualities he might exercise some control.

It is now a little time since he entered into a kind of alliance with the Serbs, who hold sway in the Central Soudan, and quite recently there has been a remarkable exchange of amenities between the Sultan and the Shah of Persia, whose territories march side by side for several hundreds of miles in Asia. With the Mohammedans of India and Russian Turkestan close relations have existed for several years, and a friendly intercourse is kept up with Kabul, the development of the Russian railway system in Asia bringing the most remote communities within easy reach of the political and religious centres of their faith. For a number of years the British Government has kept a watchful eye on the growing intimacy of the relations between the Mohammedans of India and Constantinople, and on one occasion the presence of some Turkish emissaries in India was the occasion of a sharp passage of arms between the British representative at Constantinople and the Sultan. The Russian Government also has found itself suddenly confronted with a threatened rising of its Mohammedan subjects in eastern Turkestan, but it was quickly suppressed. The source of the trouble was never accurately ascertained. Some of the Russian papers ascribing it to Constantinople and some to St. Petersburg.

Connecting the two important facts of the comparative energy with which the Sultan is pushing on the construction of the railway through Palestine to Mecca and his recent census-taking of the Mohammedan world, it is quite evident that he is watching events and getting ready, in his way, for eventualities. The aggressiveness of the Christian governments and missionary organizations in all non-Christian countries is no doubt one of the animating causes of the Sultan's action. He desires to concentrate in his own hands, as far as it is possible, the power of resistance contained in the mass represented by 176,000,000 of Mohammedans, and by means of the railway to Mecca he purposes to retain the permanent control of the holy places of Islam on which his authority as Caliph is based. Amid the uncertainties of the general political condition of Europe he may think he discerns an opportunity to enable Islam to reassert itself, and is preparing accordingly.

Bright—Shepard.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 8.—Miss Joanna Hayes Shepard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus D. Shepard of Fairwood, and Osborn Wyckoff Bright of New York were married this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. The bride, Miss Edith Hoadley Smalley of New York, was given away by her father, Mr. Osborn Russell, Miss Catherine Soley, Miss Sarah Thompson and Miss Esther Hopkin of New York. The best man was Horrid Hamilton Stark, brother of the bride. The bride is a niece of the late Eliot F. Shepard, also a niece of the late Rufus M. Shepard, and of the late William Dean Howells. The bridegroom is the son of the late Osborn E. Bright, lawyer of New York, and is the Secretary of the Security and Trust Company of that city. Mr. Bright and his wife are lovers of field sports, the bride being an enthusiastic golfer. They will reside on Fifty-seventh street, New York.

Dropped Dead on Trip Home to Italy. Salvatore Lareffo, a fifteen-year-old Italian boy, dropped dead as he was ascending the gangway of the Hamburg-American steamship Columbia in Hoboken yesterday. Dr. Gabrillo said the cause of death was heart failure. Lareffo came from Levidia, Col., and had engaged passage on the Columbia, which sailed yesterday for Italy.

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SABLE FOX BOAS, with head and one large tail, and with two large tails, \$7.50 & \$10.00

CHINCHILLA MUFFS, large size (8 skins), \$25.00

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For Monday, December 10th:

NEGLIGEEs of Albatross, in Pink, Light Blue, Lavender and White, elaborately trimmed with lace, \$15.00

HOUSE GOWNs of figured French Flannel (several colors), Lace and Velvet Ribbon trimmed, \$8.75

ROBES (Kimono shape) of Elderdown with border of Satin ribbon, \$3.75

LOUNGING ROBES of Crepe Elderdown, scalloped edge trimmed with Satin ribbon, \$4.85

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Rooms furnished in Oriental effects. Sketches, designs and estimates submitted for Oriental Tents, Smoking Rooms, Corners, etc.

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Fifty large pieces of Antique Embroideries, including some unusual examples in color effects, Formerly \$50.00 to \$400.00, at \$25.00 to \$175.00

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Fifty Bombay Rosewood Tables, hand carved, \$4.50

One Hundred Damascus Hanging Lanterns, made of hand wrought brass, Formerly \$4.00 to \$8.50, at \$2.25 to \$4.50

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TYPHOID IN SING SING PRISON.

Nineteen Cases—The Art School Abandoned for the Present.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Nineteen cases of typhoid fever among the inmates of Sing Sing Prison are causing alarm among the officials to-night. The first case made its appearance on Monday last, and each day since from two to six cases have come under the care of Prison Physician Irvine. The cause of the epidemic is attributed to the impurities of the Croton water with which the prison is supplied. This water comes from the old Croton aqueduct, which supplies the city of New York and which is tapped in this village to supply the prison.

The fifteen prisoners are isolated, the building used as an art school being turned

into an emergency hospital for these cases. The art school has been abandoned for the present. No visitors will be allowed at the institution, and all the water will be boiled before used. The visits to the condemned men, however, will not be discontinued.

Will Die Without Giving His Name.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 8.—John Owen, alias John Radcliffe, who is to be hanged at 11 a. m. to-morrow, is determined to go to the gallows without disclosing his identity and without expressing regret or remorse. Nobody knows what his name is or where he came from, he says when asked about himself. He says he has witnessed several executions, and wants to give the Sheriff the benefit of his knowledge, so that there may be no bungling.

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Entirely new styles in a variety of materials and colors, at \$39.50 & \$49.50 Formerly from \$50.00 to \$82.00

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Alaska Sable with tails \$9.85 Mink with tails \$18.50
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Blue Lynx with animal heads \$18.50 Blue Lynx with tails \$21.00

Ladies' Muffs

Alaska Sable or Persian \$7.50 Black Lynx \$13.50
Mink \$9.75 Blue Lynx \$15.00

Cloth Capes Lined with White and Grey Squirrel, Fur Collar and Edging \$18.50

Misses' & Girls' Apparel

Misses' Box Coats & Jackets English Kerseys and Oxfords, 14 to 18 yrs., Heretofore \$11.50 to \$16.50 \$9.75

Girls' Three-Quarter Coats English Kerseys or Chevots, satin lined, 4 to 14 yrs., Value \$13.50 \$9.85

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Misses' Tailor-made Cloth Suits Blouse, Eton & Reefer Effects, 14 & 16 yrs., Heretofore \$16.75 to \$19.75 \$10.90

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Smoking Jackets, of Tricot Cloth, quilted satin facings, Value \$6.50 \$4.95
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Rich Water Pitchers \$4.75
Cut Vases \$1.45, 1.95, 2.95
Glass Nappies \$1.75, 1.95, 2.75
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Hair Brushes \$2.00, 2.95 Cream Boxes 25c, 35, 75

West Twenty-third Street

LAUNCH OF THE ASTRAL.

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BATH, Me., Dec. 8.—At noon to-day the mammoth steel ship Astral, built for the Standard Oil Company of New York, was launched from the yard of the shipbuilding firm of Arthur Sewall & Co. The Astral measures 340 feet 8 inches over all, 820 feet on keel, 45 feet beam and 25 feet 6 inches depth of hold. Her gross tonnage is estimated at 5,235. She has four steel masts, each 154 feet long, and her bowsprit is also of steel. She will spread about 12,000 yards of canvas and is designed for the carrying trade. On the main deck is a large and commodious

saloon, consisting of a dining room and a cherry-finished reception room. Aft of the saloon are the captain's private room, three guests' rooms, quarters for the first and second officers, bathroom, pantry and baggage room. The captain's chart room is on the poop deck, and just behind it is the wheel house. All of these rooms are finished in white enamel. The house amidships consists of a new room, repair shop and apprentice's quarters. The forecastle has accommodations for a crew of twenty-four men, and the engine room and scullery are also forward. The ship will carry more deck machinery than most vessels in the foreign carrying trade. She is fitted with all the latest labor saving devices for hoisting sails, discharging cargo and winches for docking the ship. The Astral is one of the finest ships ever in Bath.